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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides assistance for organizing workshops, seminars, exhibitions, fairs and for sturies/survey etc. to create awareness about the potential and prospect of food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the amount released and spent for the said programmes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the total number of such programmes conducted by the Government in each State during the said period; and

(d) the total number of persons benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its Plan Scheme of Promotional Activities, provides financial assistance for organizing workshops, seminars, exhibitions, fairs, studies/survey etc. to create awareness about the potential and prospects of food processing industries in the country. Government/Academic Bodies, Industry Associations, NGOs, Cooperatives etc., are eligible for such assistance. The Ministry on its own or in close association with APEDA, CFTRI, Industry Associations etc. also participates in national/ international exhibitions/fairs. Assistance is also provided for organizing study tours for exposure to various aspects of Food Processing. Participants could be representatives from the Government, Food Industry Associations/Organizations.

The amount released and spent for the said programmes during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure. Eighteen studies/surveys have been conducted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the last three years and the current year. Out of these, nine have been conducted in the states of U.P. (Two), West Bengal (Four), Assam (One), Jharkhand (One) and Gujarat (One). Rest of the nine studies have been conducted for different zones involving several states.

All the stake-holders of the processed food sector including farmers, workers / prospective workers, processors, investors, resource persons/consultants, NGOs/Industry Association academia, and users / consumers etc are benefited by the conduct of such programmes.